

Public Health Alert

DATE: June 7, 2022

Person Bitten by Unknown Dog on Willowdale Drive in Frederick, Maryland, on Sunday, June 5, 2022. Seeking Owner of Dog.

A person was bitten by a dog on Sunday, June 5, 2022, around 8:30 PM while walking along Willowdale Drive between Little Brook Drive and the Elks Lodge in Frederick, Maryland. The bite occurred when the victim was approached by a stray dog. The dog is described as light-colored, possibly white, with brown spots. It was a medium-to-large-sized boxer type, potentially female.

Contact is needed to confirm the dog's health and whereabouts. The dog will need to be quarantined, which can occur in the owner's home, for 10 days to monitor its health. If the animal is confirmed to be in good health 10 days after the bite, it will be allowed to resume normal activity, and the victim can avoid receiving unnecessary and expensive post-exposure rabies vaccinations. The Frederick County Health Department is asking that the owner or anyone who has information about the animal contact Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1544.

If you or someone in your family is bitten or scratched by a dog or cat, obtain contact information from the animal's owner so that appropriate action can be taken. Report bites to Animal Control at 301-600-1544. Report possible human exposure to Community Health Services at 301-600-3342. For general rabies questions, call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1717. Visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES for more information.



